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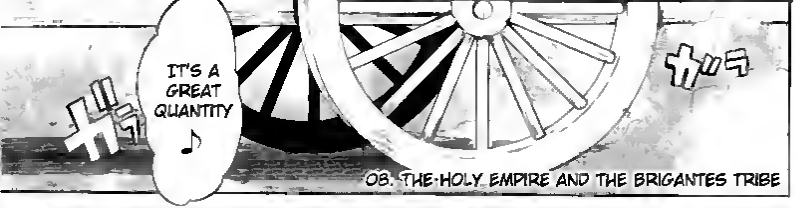

08. THE HOLY EMPIRE AND THE BRIGANTES TRIBE

AS EXPECTED FROM A SAVAGE TRIBE,
AS ALWAYS, STEALING FEELS MORE LIKE PLUNDERING.
THEY TAKE EVERYTHING THEY SEE WITHOUT DISCRIMINATING ...

IN ORDER FOR US TO WEAKEN THE ENEMY'S FRONTLINE BASE.
WE NEED TO CONTINUE WITH PLUNDERING THEIR SUPPLIES.
YEAH, CONTINUE LIKE THIS.
YEAH, WALKING OFF WITH THINGS IS OUR SPECIALTY! WE CAN STILL DO MORE!

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SO, ARTHUR, I'LL LEAVE THE REST TO YOU.
WAKE ME UP WHEN WE GET TO AVALON.
HEY, ARAWN, DON'T FALL ASLEEP
LEAD US LIKE A PROPER CHIEF!
FU FU!
WHAT'S SO FUNNY, OCTAVIA?
NO, NOTHING...
I JUST FIND IT VERY FUNNY THAT I JUST "PLUNDERED".

HOWEVER, THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST PRECIOUS FINDS WE'VE HAD.
UNLIKE THAT GOOD-FOR-NOTHING DEMON KING.

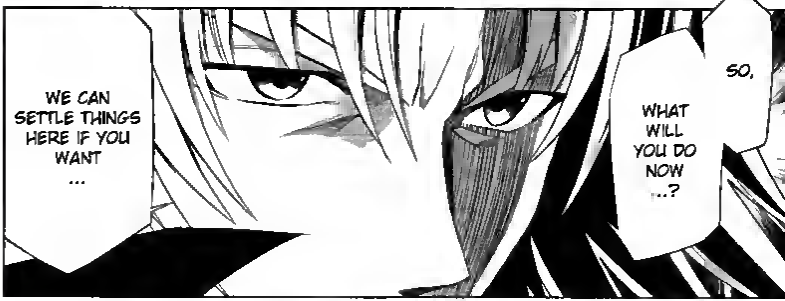
ARAWN, WHAT'S UP?
BE QUIET FOR A BIT.
SOMETHING'S COMING FROM THE OTHER SIDE.

ARAWN-SAMA, THAT'S ...
THE IMPE-RIAL ARMY!
AT THIS PLACE !?
PREPARE FOR BATTLE.
DON'T LOWER YOUR GUARD!
STOP.
STAY THERE!
!!
THAT VOICE! IT CAN'T BE...

GAIUS!
YO, IT'S BEEN A WHILE.
DEMON KING, PUEL,
HOW HAVE YOU BEEN?

IT'S HARD TO CALL SOMEONE WHO MELTED AN ELECTRUM DAGGER A HUMAN.
HMM,
SO YOU CALL ME DEMON KING NOW TOO.
ERIN HAS ...
THAT MEANS THAT
GAILIS CAME HERE...
THAT MEANS THE EMPIRE'S TERRITORY IS NOW BIGGER.
YEAH, WE'VE CONQUERED IT ALL.
WE HAD A GREAT DEAL OF TROUBLE AFTER THE BIGGEST TRIBE OF ERIN SUDDENLY RAN AWAY.
HEY HEY, WHY DO YOU FEEL BITTER AFTER RUNNING AWAY FROM THERE?
DAMN IT!

ARAWN, HOW IS THE LIFE AT ALBION?
I HEARD THAT YOU'RE NOW LIVING IN A WORN-OUT CASTLE FROM ANCIENT TIMES.
I WONDER.


SO, WHAT WILL YOU DO NOW ...?
WE CAN SETTLE THINGS HERE IF YOU WANT ...

HMPH! THAT ISN'T A BAD PROPOSAL... BUT
I DIDN'T PLAN TO FIGHT YOU GUYS TODAY.

BUT NOW THAT I'VE FOUND THE TRIBE THAT'S BEEN STEALING THE IMPERIAL ARMY'S SUPPLIES,
I CAN'T LET YOU GET AWAY.
THEY'RE COMING!
BE CAREFUL! THEY'RE REMARKABLY STRONG!
YEAH,
I'M NOT THE SAME AS I WAS BACK IN ERIN!!

ROUT THE ENEMY!
GET IN CLOSE FORMATION!
LET'S GOOOOO OOOOOO OOOO!!

THESE CONTROLLED MOVEMENTS,
THEIR COORDINATION AND COMMAND IS ON A DIFFERENT LEVEL TO THE BORDERLAND ARMY WE'VE BEEN FIGHTING UNTIL NOW.
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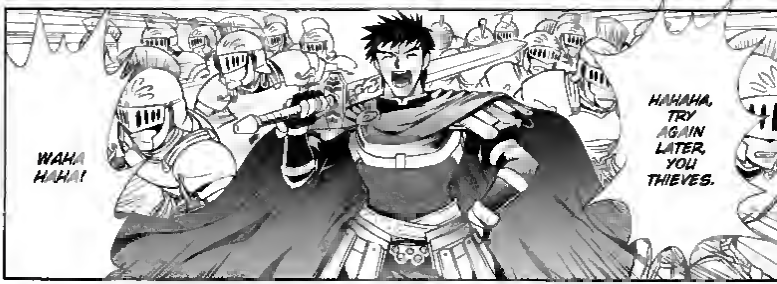
HA
HA!

HEY, ARTHUR!
YOU'RE TOO FAR IN BY YOUR-SELF!
YOU!
YES!
DON'T ISOLATE ARTHUR!
WE'LL DO A CENTRAL BREAK-THROUGH!
EI!
YAAA AAAA AH.

GAIUS, ARE YOU READY?
I'M ABOUT TO FINISH WARMING UP.
SHALL WE START THE REAL BATTLE
HAHAHA HAHAHA HAHAHA.
YOU'RE SOMEWHAT STRONGER NOW, BOY.
ARAWN-SAMA, THE ENEMY'S FORMATION IS STRENGTHENING THEIR DEFENSES AS IF THEY'RE HOLDING ONTO SOMETHING.
...I SEE.
JUST WHEN I THOUGHT THERE WOULD BE NO RESISTANCE...

LOOK AT THEM
STAND BACK, ARTHUR.
ARAWN, WHY ARE YOU STOPPING ME!?
THAT'S THE MAIN ARMY.
THEY HAD MORE SOLDIERS?
WE WERE FIGHTING A VANGUARD WITH ONLY RESERVE SOLDIERS.
...I-IT CAN'T BE.
THIS IS THE RESERVE...

DROP THE GOODS.
RE-TREAT!
HURRY!


WAHA HAHA!
HAHAHA, TRY AGAIN LATER, YOU THIEVES.

HMM
I'M IN A BAD STATE.

THERE'S THIS HEAVY FEELING LEFT IN MY STOMACH.
IT ITCHES.
D.. DID YOU NOTICE IT, ARAWN-SAMA?
I'M SORRY
TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, I ADDED AN EHE USHKA AS THE SECRET INGREDIENT FOR THIS MORNING'S GAEL STEW.
EHE USHKA !!
YOU HAD ME EAT THOSE DISGUSTING, GOOD-FOR-NOTHING FROGS!?
WA .. WAIT, ARAWN,
IT'S NOT LIKE RIANNON HAD ANY ILL INTENTIONS.
I'LL SCOLD HER LATER SO PLEASE FORGIVE HER ON MY ...
I...I'M SORRY!
I THOUGHT IT WOULD GIVE IT A NICE FLAVOR...
HOW DARE YOU MAKE ME EAT THOSE STRANGE THINGS! YOU...YOU ...
YOU'RE AN UNEXPECTEDLY GOOD COOK.
EHEHE ...
I WAS PRAISED.
TO THINK YOU MADE SUCH A GREAT SOUP FROM THOSE WEIRD INGREDIENTS, IT WAS FAIRLY DELICIOUS.
.....

IT'S ABOUT GAILIS-DONO'S APPEARANCE IN THAT FOREST, RIGHT?
YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT.
WELL,
WHEN I SAID I WAS IN A BAD STATE I WASN'T TALKING ABOUT YOUR COOKING..
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
WHY WAS HE THERE?
WHY DO YOU THINK?
I THINK GAILIS WAS WAITING THERE TO AMBUSH US FROM THE BEGINNING
HE'S ALWAYS BEEN A CUNNING GUY.
YOU TALKED ABOUT A TRIBE THAT'S BEEN LIVING IN THIS LANDS FROM ANCIENT TIMES, RIGHT?
OGAM.
THE NAME WAS...
I HOPE IT'S ONLY THAT..

THE BRIGANTES TRIBE.
EVEN IF I SAY SO, THAT'S ONLY THE NAME THE EMPIRE GAVE THEM.
ORIGINALLY, THE BRIGANTES WERE BANDITS AND HIGHWAYMEN, SO THEY WERE NAMED AS SUCH, BUT..
BANDITS HUH, ARE THEY STRONG?
YES, VERY,
THEY ARE A POWERFUL AND BRAVE TRIBE, VERY SIMILAR TO THE GAEL TRIBE.
WAIT A SECOND!
ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY WE'RE THE SAME AS SOME BANDITS AND HIGHWAYMEN?
YOU'RE SIMILAR, AREN'T YOU? YOU'RE SAVAGES! YOU SHOULDN'T WORRY ABOUT SUCH SMALL THINGS.
I WON'T FORGIVE INSULTS TOWARDS THE TRIBE!
EHEM..
THERE'S A REASON WHY I SAID YOU'RE "SIMILAR"...
WHEN THE OLD KINGDOM FELL, THE GAEL TRIBE SEPARATED FROM THEM AND MOVED TO ERIN.
SO WE'RE THEIR BRETHREN..
THEN, WE ARE BLOOD-RELATED TO THEM!
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THEN, DO THEY ALSO LIVE IN THE FOREST NEAR THE AREA WHERE GAIUS ATTACKED US?
I HEARD THAT THEIR VILLAGE IS IN THE DEEPEST PART OF THE NEARBY FOREST, BUT...
TO ADD IN SOME MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THEM,
THE BRIGANTES TRIBE IS CURRENTLY THE STRONGEST POWER IN ALBION,
...I SEE,
SO THAT'S WHAT YOU MEANT.
WHAT?

YOU MEAN THAT GAIUS MIGHT BE IN CONTACT WITH THE BRIGANTES TRIBE, RIGHT?
IT'S ONLY A GUESS, THOUGH.

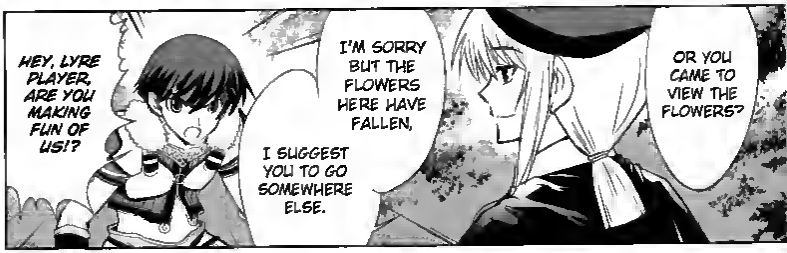
WHAT ABOUT IT?
HOW IS A TRIBE THAT'S OBEYING THE EMPIRE SIMILAR TO US.
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING NOW.
I HOPE THAT'S ONLY IT.
?

WE'LL THINK ABOUT THE REST LATER.
WE SHOULD HURRY UP AND CONTACT THE BRIGANTES TRIBE TOO.
FOR NOW, LET'S GO TO THAT FOREST.
THIS FOREST IS REALLY DEEP
AFTER COMING IN THIS DEEP, EVEN THE BOARS STOP APPEARING.
JEEZ ...

TONIGHT'S GAEL POT WILL BE GREAT.
THEY CAME TO ATTACK US SO IT'S FINE, ISN'T IT?
WE DIDN'T COME HERE TO HUNT.
WHAT'S THIS?
I TOLD YOU I KNOW.
THEN, HAVE YOU NOTICED?
I SEE ...
YOU DON'T NEED TO TELL ME, I KNOW!
DON'T LOWER YOUR GUARD, THE MAIN GAME STARTS NOW.
I CAN ONLY FEEL A LOT OF GAZES FROM ALL AROUND THE FOREST FOLLOWING OUR EVERY MOVE
I CAN'T TELL THE EXACT NUMBER.
OGAM... HOW MANY ARE HERE?
HMPH,

!!
IT SEEMS THAT THERE'S NO MISTAKE, THE BRIGANTES TRIBE IS LOCATED EVEN DEEPER INSIDE THIS FOREST.
NII-SAMA, THAT MELODY...
YEAH, THAT'S A FEAT BOARS CAN'T ACHIEVE.
IT SEEMS THAT THEY'RE COMING AT US.
FOCUS, BE PREPARED FOR BATTLE!
OH MY, I WAS WONDERING WHO CAME BUT IT WAS YOU.

WHAT HAPPENED?
ARE YOU LOST OR SOME-THING?


OR YOU CAME TO VIEW THE FLOWERS?
I'M SORRY BUT THE FLOWERS HERE HAVE FALLEN,
I SUGGEST YOU TO GO SOMEWHERE ELSE.
HEY, LYRE PLAYER, ARE YOU MAKING FUN OF US!?

YOU'RE THE SAME AS ALWAYS ...
KUKU, IF YOU DON'T GET JOKES IT'LL BE DIFFICULT TO TALK WITH YOU...

ALBION'S ANCIENT DWELLERS.
THAT LIVE IN THE DEEP OF THIS FOREST, DID THAT REFER TO YOU?
FU FU FU.
YOU'RE ASKING IF WE'RE THE BRIGANTES TRIBE, AREN'T YOU?
I APPRECIATE THE THOUGHTFULNESS OF NOT USING THAT NAME.
HOWEVER, THERE'S NO NEED TO BE THAT WORRIED.
IT'S NOT NECESSARILY OFF THE MARK, AND I ACTUALLY LIKE IT A LOT.
I'M THE PRODIGAL SON WHO CAME BACK FROM THE CONTINENT.
I'M A TRAVELLING TROUBADOUR THAT GOES AT THE MERCY OF THE WIND.
SO YOU ACCEPT YOU'RE PART OF THE BRIGANTES TRIBE.
NOW, I WONDER ABOUT THAT.
FU FU.
MY NAME IS TALIESIN.
I FORGOT LONG AGO ABOUT UNCOUTH THINGS LIKE MY TRIBE.
DON'T LOOK DOWN ON US!

WE HAVE BUSINESS FURTHER IN!
WE DON'T INTEND TO GO BACK!
LIKE HELL WE'LL BE LISTEN-ING TO YOUR SONGS!
WON'T YOU LISTEN TO 2 OR 3 OF MY SONGS AND LEAVE?
LEAVING THAT ASIDE, HOW ABOUT IT?
BEFORE I SEND YOU BACK
OH WELL, I'VE GIVEN YOU MY NAME SO I'LL HAVE YOU GIVE YOURS TOO.
HOW COLD.
LEAVE ME ALONE.
ISN'T IT TIRING BEING LIKE THAT ALL THE TIME?
YOU SURE HAVE A LOT OF ENERGY,
I SEE... SO YOU REALLY ARE GAEL'S ARTHUR.
...
I SEE...
I SEE...
I'M ARTHUR.
THE FIRST WARRIOR OF THE GAEL TRIBE.

DON'T BE THAT COLD, FUEL'S DIRECT DESCENDANT.
OR SHOULD I SAY THE SUCCESSOR OF THE ANCIENT KINGDOM?
IF YOU WANT TO SAY SOMETHING SAY IT.
DON'T SAY IT AS IF INSINUATING SOMETHING.
THE GAEL TRIBE WAS ORIGINALLY PART OF US.
I CAN'T SAY IT OUT LOUD BUT I ALSO HAVE A BIT OF THE ELVEN KING'S BLOOD.
!!
HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT!?
THIS WEAKLING IS MY...
Y...YOU AND I ARE...
THAT MEANS WE'RE RELATIVES.
NII-SAMA! THAT'S RUDE!

I'LL SAY MY GREETINGS ONCE AGAIN, I'M GAEL TRIBE'S RI-ANNON.
I'M REALLY HAPPY THAT WE COULD MEET OUR BLOOD RELATIVES IN ALBION.
I SEE, SO YOU'RE ERIN'S RI-ANNON.
THE RUMORS OF THE PRIEST-ESS OF THE PROPHECIES REACHED ALBION.
HEY, NII-SAMA, SAY YOUR GREETINGS.
NII-SAMA.
BUT, SISTER...
YO ...
YOU'RE RIGHT.
YOU CAN'T SAY THAT YOU'RE A GREAT WAR-RIOR IF YOU CAN'T BE COURTEOUS WITH YOUR BLOOD RELATIVES,
ARE YOU OK WITH THAT, NII-SAMA?
I'M SORRY, TALIESIN.
LET'S GET ALONG WELL.
LET'S GET ALONG WELL.
NOW, I WONDER ABOUT THAT...
CAN WE ACTUALLY GET ALONG ...
EH?

LET'S GO! ARTHUR!
THESE GUYS COMING OUT MEANS THAT
THE BRIG-ANTES TRIBE IS NEAR
Y..
YEAH!
.....
WHOOPS...
WAIT A SECOND.
YOU CAN'T JUST DO THAT.

WHAT HAP-PENED, TROUBA-DOUR?
DOES THIS MEAN THAT THE BRIG-ANTES NAME WASN'T GROUNDLESS?
IF I FEEL LIKE IT I'LL DO ANYTHING.
I'M WHIMSY YOU SEE.

I DON'T MIND BEING CALLED OR FEARED AS BANDITS.
AND I JUST HAVE TO MAKE THE PEOPLE WHO RIDI-CULE US..
REALIZE THIS.

WE ONLY WANT TO GO TO THE VILLAGE FURTHER INSIDE.
WE WANT TO MEET THE CHIEF AND TALK ABOUT THE EMPIRE AND WHAT TO DO IN THE FUTURE.
SO, LET US PASS.
... CHIEF?
I SEE, YOU CAME TO SEE THE CHIEF.
KUKU KU.... HAHA HAHA.
WHAT'S SO FUNNY!

I'M SORRY, THAT WAS RUDE
THE LAST CHIEF DIED A LONG TIME AGO.
THE CURRENT BRIGANTES TRIBE HAS NO CHIEF.
BECAUSE OF A CURSED PROPHECY.
CURSED PROPHECY?
THE VILLAGE'S DRUID RECIEVED AN ORACLE.
IT CONTAINED OMINOUS THINGS ABOUT THE CHIEF'S SUCCESSOR.
IT SAID, "A GREAT CALAMITY WILL BE FALL ON THE NEXTS BRIGANTES TRIBE CHIEF,"
"HE WILL PERFORM ONE OF THE GOD'S TABOOS, HE'LL BE SWALLOWED BY HELL'S DARKNESS, AND IN THE END HE'LL BECOME PREY TO A FEARSOME BEAST."
IT SEEMS THIS IS AN UNAVOIDABLE FATE.
HOW STUPID.
FATE DOESN'T MATTER, BEING THE CHIEF IS AN IMPORTANT DUTY, ISN'T IT? IT'S A DUTY OUR ANCESTORS GAVE US, ISN'T IT?
THEN WHY AREN'T YOU EAGER TO DO IT!?
ARTHUR ...
YOU WERE BROUGHT UP AS AN HONEST PERSON...
AS EXPECTED,
YOU'RE SPLENDID

AS I THOUGHT, THE SUCCESSOR OF THE ANCIENT KINGDOM IS DIFFERENT TO NORMAL PEOPLE.
WHAT NONSENSE ARE YOU SAYING?
YOU'RE JUST RUNNING AWAY.
THAT'S RIGHT.
WE PROBABLY ARE RUNNING AWAY.
IT CAN'T BE HELPED ...

SEE?
YOU GUYS ARE WEIRD.
ARTHUR, DON'T GET CARRIED AWAY.
WHAT IF...
THAN THE DUTY YOU WERE GIVEN ...
YOU FOUND SOMETHING MORE IMPORTANT TO YOU
ARTHUR, HAVEN'T YOU THOUGHT ABOUT THIS?
WHAT!?
YOU'RE JUST AN IDIOT WHO CAN'T SEE ANYTHING.

IF THAT HAPPENED, WOULDN'T YOU HESITATE?
WOULDN'T YOU THINK "WHY DO I HAVE TO BE TIED BY A DUTY I WAS GIVEN WHEN I WAS BORN EVEN IF I DIDN'T WANT IT"...
WHY?
THE GAEL TRIBE IS YOUR BRETHREN, ISN'T IT?
WHY CAN'T YOU LET US PASS?
FU FU.
YOU CAN'T DO THAT, ARTHUR.
I TOLD YOU I CAN'T LET YOU GO PAST HERE.
I CAN'T BELIEVE WHAT YOU SAY.
TO BEGIN WITH, I'LL GO TO THE BRIGANTES TRIBE AND SEE IF THEY HAVE A CHIEF OR NOT BY MYSELF!
HMPH.
LIKE I'LL UNDERSTAND THE NONSENSE A WEAKLING LIKE YOU SAYS!

THAT'S BECAUSE THE GAEL TRIBE IS BRIGANTES TRIBE'S BRETHREN...

AS EXPECTED FROM THE GAEL TRIBE'S CURRENT CHIEF, YOU'RE REALLY PERCEPTIVE.
THAT'S RIGHT.

SO THEY WANT TO AVOID TROUBLESOME THINGS.
JUST BY LETTING THE GAEL TRIBE, WHO IS AN ENEMY OF THE EMPIRE, INSIDE THEIR VILLAGE, WOULD MAKE THE EMPIRE ATTACK THE BRIGANTES TRIBE FIERCELY.

HOWEVER, YOU DON'T THINK THAT WE'RE PERCEPTIVE ENOUGH TO GO BACK WITHOUT FULFILLING OUR OBJECTIVE, RIGHT?

OH, THAT'S A SHAME.
I THOUGHT YOU WERE MORE CLEVER.
WE'LL PUSH THEM BACK, ARTHUR.
YEAH.
YOU OVERES-TIMATE ME.
I SEE, IN THE END, YOU'LL DO IT BY FORCE.
ALRIGHT.
I PROMISE I'LL LET YOU PASS IF YOU DEFEAT US.
FU FU,
AFTER BEING CALLED WEAKLINGS SO MUCH MY FRIENDS ARE WORKED UP.
SEE BY YOUR-SELVES HOW STRONG WE BRIG-ANTES ARE.
ARAWN ..
THEY ARE ..
I KNOW, DON'T KILL THEM.
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ROGER!

LIVELY SCANS
NEEDS YOU!
'BECOME PART OF OUR
TEAM, AND HELP US
AWAKEN THE ESSENCE
OF CREATIVITY'
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